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SUBJ: ROMANIAN EXHIBIT NOMINATION UNDER ARTICLE III.10 OF
U.S.-ROMANIAN PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES

1. COUNCIL FOR SOCIALIST CULTURE AND EDUCATION SUBMITTED
LETTER TO EMBASSY ON JUNE 4 NOMINATING RUG AND TAPESTRY
EXHIBIT FOR SHOWING IN U.S. UNDER ARTICLE III (10) OF THE
PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES. EXHIBIT CONSISTS OF 56 PIECES OF
19TH AND 20TH CENTURY WORKS WITH ANTIQUE AND FOLK MOTIFS.
THEY TOTAL 200 SQUARE METERS AND REQUIRE A 350 TO 400
SQUARE METER EXHIBIT AREA FOR EFFECTIVE DISPLAY, ACCORDING
TO COUNCIL LETTER. GROSS SHIPPING WEIGHT IS ESTIMATED
AT 700 KILOGRAMS INCLUDING FIVE OR SIX PACKING CRATES.

2. COUNCIL HAS REQUESTED WE ATTEMPT TO PROCURE SITES
IN WASHINGTON SUCH AS NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART OR NATIONAL
COLLECTION OF FINE ARTS; IN NEW YORK AT MUSEUM OF FOLK ART
OR COOPER MUSEUMS OF DECORATIVE ART AND SUGGEST THAT
DETROIT OR CLEVELAND BE LAST CITY ON US FOUR CITY
ITINERARY FOR EXHIBIT SINCE PLAN IS TO SEND IT TO CANADA
AFTER US SHOWING. COUNCIL LETTER SAYS IT PLANS TO
SEND EXHIBIT AROUND MID-SEPTEMBER AND HOPES THAT FIRST
SHOWING CAN OPEN IN MID-OCTOBER.

3. WE HAVE INFORMALLY ADVISED COUNCIL AND WILL REPEAT
IN FORMAL LETTER IN RESPONSE TO NOMINATION THE FOLLOWING
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POINTS WHICH WE HAVE MADE TO COUNCIL FUNCTIONARIES ON

NUMEROUS OCCASIONS SINCE LAST AUTUMN WHEN POSSIBILITY
OF THIS EXHIBIT WAS FIRST MENTIONED;

A. NOMINATING LETTER AT THIS TIME DOES NOT
PROVIDE SUFFICIENT LEAD TIME FOR ADEQUATE SITE SURVEYS.
MOREOVER, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT ANY MAJOR GALLERIES WOULD BE
AVAILABLE FOR EXHIBITS ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE. IN CASE OF
ROMANIAN CONTEMPORARY PAINTING EXHIBITION IN 1973, THE
SITE SURVEYS WERE COMPLETED IN FEBRUARY AND THE FIRST
SHOWING WAS IN JULY AT CORCORAN GALLERY Owing TO SUMMER
SEASON LULL IN EXHIBIT COMMITMENTS. US GALLERIES (SUCH
AS THOSE MENTIONED BY COUNCIL) PLAN THEIR EXHIBIT COMMIT-
MENTS AS MUCH AS TWO TO THREE YEARS IN ADVANCE.
THE FALL SEASON IS THE BUSIEST AND USUALLY THE MOST HEAVILY
PROGRAMMED.

B. NO SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS REGARDING SITES
CAN BE MADE UNTIL SURVEYS ARE COMPLETED.

C. INTERNAL US TRAVEL COSTS FOR SHIPPING EXHIBIT
WILL BE BORNE BY THE ROMANIAN SIDE PURSUANT TO THE RE-
IMBURSEMENT FORMULA OF THE IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS (WHICH
INCIDENTALLY WE HOPE TO SIGN TOMORROW OR MONDAY).

D. COUNCIL SHOULD SUBMIT NOMINATION OF ROMANIAN
SPECIALISTS FOR SITE SURVEY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PURSUANT
TO IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS.

4. A COPY OF THE COUNCIL LETTER, OUR RESPONSE AND
ADDITIONAL DETAILS INCLUDING PHOTOS OF WORKS FOLLOW BY
AIRGRAM. WE NOTE THAT COUNCIL COOPERATION FOR PHOTOGRAPHY
USA EXHIBIT WAS IN FULL COMPLIANCE OF IMPLEMENTING CONDI-
TIONS. WE ARE AWAITING THEIR CALCULATIONS OF INTERNAL
TRANSPORTATION COSTS TO CARRY OUT REIMBURSEMENT FORMULA.

5. POST SUGGESTS IEE CONSULT SITE SURVEY PREPARED BY
JOHN KARTCH FOR ROMANIAN CONTEMPORARY PAINTING EXHIBITION
IN 1973 FOR BACKGROUND AND CONTACTS.
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